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"She shall be called Woman" (Genesis 2:23).

"Woman", who was "taken out of man", had a place in God's plan for the ages as recorded in the earliest pages of Holy Writ. And throughout the Bible their innermost thoughts, acts of mercy, faith, courage and, yes, their weaknesses are recorded, as well.

Today, God would have women continue to be *women*. The world's philosophy would have them lose their God-given identities as women (although the world's philosophy falsely causes them to believe they are finding their true identities) as they are encouraged to leave their places in the home, enter vocations once occupied only by men (many vocations of hard labor), compete with men in the sports world, and share or assume the leadership of the home.

The Bible speaks of women as help meets, companions, keepers at home, virtuous, teachers, loving their husbands and children, obedient to their husbands, discreet, chaste, working willingly

with their hands, merciful, industrious, and showing respect for God. These virtues are found in God's fulfilled women.

Among the most valuable virtues of a woman are her femininity, purity and humility. The world frowns upon these virtues and encourages a woman to be competitive, liberated and self-sufficient. The Bible's qualifications are what make a woman what God wants her to be. Eve, before the fall, was a fulfilled woman. Through Christ, today's woman can experience this same fulfillment.

On pages 4 and 5 a mother opens her heart and shares her times of trial and frustration, and as God was faithful to His promises, her fulfillment as a wife and mother. Pages 8 and 9 tell the story of many virtuous, merciful and industrious women as they expend their God-given talents through the many arms of ministry of the United Foursquare Women's Organization.

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31). [4]

Angelus Temple's annual Missionary Conference held recently resulted in pledges received in the amount of \$137,209, an all-time high, reports Pastor Gary Musgrove.

Dr. Paul E. Jones, Southern California District Supervisor, will address 111 graduates and 8 post-graduates at the LIFE Bible College Commencement scheduled for May 13 at 8 p.m. Class Night is scheduled for May 8.

President Rolf K. McPherson is scheduled to speak and officiate at the licensing service for LIFE graduates in Angelus Temple on Sunday morning, May 15. He will be assisted by the Board of Directors of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and the Ordination Committee. May 16 President McPherson will be joined by the Board and their wives in a welcome luncheon for the newly licensed and appointed ministers.

Commencement at Mount Vernon, Ohio Bible College will be held May 16. Dr. Guy L. Nees, President of the local Nazarene College, will address the school's 39 graduates. MVBC's Baccalaureate is scheduled for Sunday evening, May 15,

with Rev. Ronald May speaker.

The East Hill, Gresham, Ore. Foursquare Church will have as pulpit guest in its four services on March 22, Vice President Howard P. Courtney. Dr. M. E. Nicholls, General Supervisor, will be present on June 5 for the Dover, Oh. Foursquare Church's 50th Anniversary celebration.

Note Burning Services on the Great Lakes Districts were held in Camp Wilson, Rock Falls and Rochelle, Ill. Foursquare Churches.

A number of Foursquare Churches participated in the Campus Crusade for Christ outreach campaigns, "Here's Life America!" conducted in 165 major metropolitan communities in the United States in 1976. Churches numbering 11,826, representing every major denomination, participated. Fourteen hours of training in personal evangelism and discipleship were completed by 258,085 people. Mr. Bud Stanley, senior at LIFE Bible College and Pastor of the Camarillo, Ca. Foursquare Church served as coordinator of the Ventura County campaign. [4]



Evangelist Luis Palau speaking before a thousand evangelical leaders at NAE's 35th Annual Convention in Chicago.

PRESENT WITH THE LORD

Edna A. Green, Clarence (Larry) F. Lari-more, Ivan J. Miller.

Dennis Morgan who attended the Muir, Pa. Foursquare Church was one of nine miners who lost their lives in a Tower City mine tragedy on March 1. The pastors and congregation of the Muir Church were able to express compassion, in many ways, to the families touched by this tragedy and the workers involved in the rescue operation.

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Cover: Top — Supply storeroom in "Alabaster House". Orphans from Hong Kong; Center — "Alabaster House"; Bottom — Orphan from "Houses of Happiness". Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Donham, selecting supplies for field. Spanish Bible dictionary, one among many books sent to mission fields for use in Bible Schools.

INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY:

COMMUNITY CONCERN: CHURCH:

Ministry to Exceptional Children

Something very special happens each Sunday morning at the Paradise, Ca. Foursquare Church. About 9:30 a.m. three or four busses turn into the church driveway. In these busses are very special children. In the world they are known as mentally retarded with the most common and best known as Down's Syndrome. There are over 3,405,000 such children in the United States. "It's shocking that for so long society has hid them in institutions, but, praise God, many changes have been made," reports Pastor Myra Tetzlaff.

It is the privilege of the Paradise congregation to have a number of these children housed at Sunny Acres (a nearby facility). The Sunday school superintendent, teachers and pastor greet the children as they hurry out of the busses and into the church to find more of God's love.

Although many have different levels of comprehension, the children have found that Jesus brings love and joy into their hearts. Their lives change as they receive His salvation. Just recently they have memorized the books of the Bible and they love to sing about Jesus.



Church records show that many lives have been changed and children have been reunited with their families. One young lady went on to graduate from high school, is now holding down a job and is going to be married in the near future.

Classroom facilities at the Paradise Church are overcrowded with over 100 on the waiting list. It is the privilege of the Paradise Church to minister to these exceptional ones!

President and Mrs. McPherson Celebrate Birthdays



Employees of the International, Southwest and Southern California District offices, and LIFE Bible College gathered at the Spaghetti Factory in Hollywood, Ca. to honor President and Mrs. Rolf K. McPherson on the occasion of their recent birthdays. Birthday wishes were expressed and lovely gifts were presented to both Dr. and Mrs. McPherson.

AM Station Added To Radio Outreach

Foursquare Gospel Radio is happy to report that increasingly it is giving "the winds a mighty voice", sending forth the good news of God's love and grace.

On January 4, 1977 broadcasting was commenced on an additional new facility, KHIS-AM, in Bakersfield, California. This AM station is located at 800kc on the dial. The signal coverage reaches a potential audience of approximately 600,000 persons. Although KHIS-FM that we acquired a year ago reaches this same area of the Southern San Joaquin Valley, the new facility is more versatile inasmuch as it can be heard on any car radio and in many homes that do not have FM sets.

The Foursquare Organization is grateful that the Lord, in a very marvelous manner, made this station available at a very minimum price. Your prayers are solicited so that many may come to know Christ as a direct result of this radio ministry.

Flower House Fellowship Centre Dedicated

The all purpose activity building of the New Castle, Ind. Foursquare Church, named the Flower House Fellowship Centre, was dedicated recently. The centre was so named in honor of the life-time ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Lindsay Flowers, pastors emeritus. A lovely plaque was also prepared in honor of the Flowers.

Guest speakers included General Supervisor and Mrs. M. E. Nicholls, District Supervisor and Mrs. L. T. Charter, reports Pastor Joe Babcock.



Great-grandparents Present for Baby Dedication

When Bob and Glenna Wilson presented their baby, Cassandra Jo, to the Lord in the Muscatine, Ia. Foursquare Church, both grandparents, Mrs. Harvey Staley and Mrs. William Wilson, as well as the paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bloyd and Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Wilson were present for this important event. Pastor Otis Ewbank performed the dedication rite. Other babies dedicated on "Baby Day" included: Thomas Richards, Eric Whittaker and Joshua Wilhelme.

God's Way

Did you see that sparrow today,
Just learning how to fly?
He watched his mother closely
As she flew into the sky.

Then suddenly she came back
To gently talk with him,
Then off they flew together
Drifting with the wind.

God watched them very closely
As they both flew around,
For God knows each sparrow
That falls upon the ground.

Yes, God loves the sparrows
And God loves us all
He's always there beside us
To guard us lest we fall.

If we depend upon Him
To lead us every day
We, just like the sparrows,
Will always know God's Way.

Marjorie Siegel [4]

Martha Onedia Bolton
with Capitola Gwillim

The Waiting Room



God waited seven years to answer Martha and Russ Bolton's prayer.

During the long wait they would often ask, "Why God? Why us?"

There had to be a reason.

Through the waiting years Martha had felt the sharp, incisive pangs of loneliness, rejection and heartache.

A buildup of resentment against God only intensified the agony of her soul. Had God forsaken her?

No, not at all.

Silently God was working in the Boltons' lives, teaching them new dimensions in faith, hope and love. And, above all, preparing them ever so gently in body, mind and spirit.

In her own words Martha expresses, movingly, her mixed emotions in THE WAITING ROOM OF LIFE!

It was 3 p.m. and I was still awake . . .

I was lying in a cold, impersonal hospital bed, eight months pregnant (with a diabetic condition), waiting rather impatiently for the doctor's decision to induce labor.

The sleeping pill that was given to me earlier in the evening failed to have any effect upon me. This puzzled the nurses. I guess I was too anxious to sleep.

Being a diabetic posed many risks. So far there had not been any complications. So many memories occupied my mind . . . some pleasant, others I wanted to erase from my mind. I was apprehensive, in fact, scared. I determined not to dwell on that; it had been a good year. I wanted to think about it.

Russ and I had been married for seven years. And for seven years he had prayed for a son. My first pregnancy ended in miscarriage. My second pregnancy, the following year, helped to minimize the hurt. I found it difficult to understand why God would permit me to carry a baby full term, only to have the 15-hour-

labor produce a 10 pound stillbirth. Being a boy baby only hurt me more.

"Why me, God?

"How much can I bear?

"Didn't I deserve more than this?"

For years I harbored resentment against God and defended my right to do so. We had applied for adoption. Still no baby. With the ever increasing abortion rate, babies were unavailable. We had always wanted a large family and considered adoption, hoping to make our dream a reality. We had a family in heaven, but I wanted one on earth, too. Was I being selfish? I continued to pray about it. We waited for two years. Doors kept slamming shut. In the spring of 1974 we sold our two bedroom home with the dusty "model" nursery and bought a large four bedroom home. People laughed, "Why do you need such a big house?" We believed someday God would give us a family. Someday.

After three nights of unpacking we decided we should concentrate on one room and completely put it in order. Agreeing, we chose the nursery. As we arranged the furniture and put the baby clothes in place, I pleaded to God, my heavenly Father, "Father God, give us a baby. Please!" I finally turned the matter over to God, then fell asleep. I had nursed my heartache and burden for so long. Finally, I discovered that He would not take them as long as I clung to them. I began to realize that I actually deserved nothing. God gave His Son to bleed and die for me. I was so unworthy of that. How could I even dare to expect God to give me more. Any additional blessings would be because of His grace, mercy and love.

The next morning at 6 a.m., the telephone rang. The call came from Highlands' Child Placement Service in Missouri. I was so excited I could barely speak. They had a three week old baby boy for us! My fear of flying suddenly

Baby Anthony Shane.



vanished and I was on the next flight to Missouri to get him.

I had never held a newborn baby before. What a thrilling experience it was to hold that tiny six pound bundle of joy.

Rusty grew fast. We were delighted with him.

We started praying for a second child. God led us to another baby we could adopt. Although yet unborn, we claimed him for our own.

Meanwhile my doctors informed me that, again, I was expecting a child. I was "scared to death." What if I had another stillbirth? Could I handle it?

We kept in contact with the agency regarding the adoption of the second baby. With all my heart I wanted that baby, even though I was now carrying a child. In my fifth month of pregnancy we went to the hospital to bring home our two day old baby, whom we named Matthew. God surely was blessing our family and soon we would have three children. Rusty and Matt were worth every tear we had shed and every minute we had spent in loneliness. We adored them both.

When you've lost something and then are given another in its place, well, "cherish" is a word that drastically underestimates our love for our children.

When Matt was four months old I went to the hospital to bring into the world the third addition to our family. This time I *knew* it would be different. My pregnancy would not terminate as though the doctors had removed a tumor. God had a reason in giving us our children. Each was a special gift from Him.

For having a normal pregnancy, I was surprised to learn of my toxemia. Within 20 minutes a Caesarean section was performed. Soon the crisis was over. I saw the doctor holding our third son through tearful, happy eyes.

The mere fact that Anthony Shane was born alive was a miracle. That's why it was so difficult to accept the pediatrician's words, "Your baby has a congenital heart disease. He almost died from heart failure last night."

God!" I cried. "He's only three days old. Don't let him die. Not after I have held him and kissed him. This is worse than stillbirth. I just can't give him up, not again."

I braced myself for the worst to happen. I prayed for baby Anthony's healing. It would take a miracle.

According to the doctors the baby had a hole between two valves, plus a possible valve problem. Open heart surgery was imperative. At one month of age he would be catheterized. "Would he live?" The doctors were not very

assuring. In Psalms 50:15 (Living Bible) these words gave me strength: "I want you to trust me in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give me glory."

God's people were praying. My pastors, Reverend and Mrs. Carl Burns of the Chatsworth, California Foursquare Church, came that very afternoon to pray with us. I knew God was able, but I needed strength to believe.

The following day the pediatric cardiologist came in to tell me that the catheterization could not wait. A specialist was called in to examine the baby. He confirmed the diagnosis. Our baby would not be coming home. The days passed like years. In time my hourly calls to the hospital were messages of "stable" then, "slowly improving." His dramatic, almost sudden improvement allowed us to bring him home.

It was decided that the catheterization could wait a week. Anthony's own cardiologist saw him three days later and he couldn't get over how good he was doing. God's people continued in prayer.

It was several months before the catheterization was finally performed and only because the specialist wanted to know exactly what Anthony's problem was. Our baby was progressing beautifully and just wasn't following the pattern of one having a heart problem. This puzzled the doctors. The catheterization verified the doctor's original diagnosis that Anthony had a heart malformity.

Today our baby continues to bewilder his doctors. He's husky and gaining weight at a normal rate. He is now six months old and hasn't taken any medicine since he was 10 days old nor has he had any problems or complications with his heart. The doctors talk of open heart surgery in a year or so to correct the malformity, but we are believing and trusting God for a complete healing.

A three-hour operation to correct premature closings of Anthony's skull sutures was cancelled two days before the surgery. The Sunday prior to the scheduled surgery I requested prayer for Anthony. On Monday morning the neurosurgeon called to say that he had met with two Chiefs of Neurosurgery and they determined that Anthony's x-rays were in fact deceiving and that surgery would not be necessary. This has increased my faith for a complete healing of Anthony's heart!

God still answers prayer. He has given us three beautiful babies in two years. People say, "Well, that would take a miracle." Yes, and that's exactly what it took. 4

Capitola Gwillim has served 34 years in Foursquare ministry with her pastor-husband. She is also editor of the U.F.W. TODAY Magazine and has served as a free-lance writer with other Christian publications.

"For years I harbored resentment against God, and defended my right to do so."



Toddler Rusty heads the Bolton brothers team.



VIEWPOINT:

By Dr. Rolf K. McPherson, President

Reviews and Projections of the Foursquare Denomination

expansion of the home field. This new plan went into effect January 1, 1977 and will be reflected in future reporting.

We praise God for the formation of the Church Growth and Evangelism Department, established in 1976 as an arm of the Home Missions Office.

We are also thankful to report the progress in the Stewardship and Estate Planning Department with 548 families having been serviced with will guides and 63 through budget and finance counselling since its inception in 1975.

We have broadened out in radio through the acquisition of AM facilities in Bakersfield, California this past year. Considerable improvement in our FM facilities gives us the finest voice throughout that area. Our radio ministry now reaches a potential of 600,000 listeners in the Bakersfield area and 10 million in the Los Angeles area.

Several of us from headquarters were able to attend the Western Hemisphere Leadership Conference in Caracas, Venezuela in 1976 which included national and missionary representatives from all countries in which we have missionary works in Central and South America. We anticipate the Western Hemisphere Conference scheduled for November 7-12, 1978 in Panama City. This will coincide with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Foursquare work in Panama.

1977 marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Foursquare work in the Philippines. Goal of the Foursquare Churches of the Philippines is 800 churches by 1980 and they are well on their way to meeting the goal. The Brazilian Foursquare field is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 1977, also. Brazil, our largest work, is meeting its goal of one new church every three days.

As excellent and bountiful as God's blessings have been upon us in 1976, we look forward to even a greater year throughout 1977.

The Missionary Cabinet has recently completed its annual meetings at which time members rejoiced in God's blessing and joined in prayer and planning together for enlarged vision and goals in all departments of the work for the coming years, if Jesus tarries. [4]



Top: Angelus Temple and LIFE Bible College buildings as viewed from Headquarters offices.

The dark background of general world conditions makes the bright glow of our Gospel of light, hope and peace even more brilliant, vital and important.

The spiritual, numerical, and financial reports as well as the general attitude of optimism coming from all parts of the field are enough to lift our hearts, minds and spirits in praise and adoration to our Lord as we quote and sing together the words of Psalms 34:1, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Praise is given to the Lord for the beautiful increase in our spiritual reports in 1976 which show 216,966 converts; 35,256 water baptisms; 27,492 Holy Spirit baptisms and 19,588 new members. The latter brings our total membership to 299,786 which represents an increase of more than 10,000 over the previous year.

Our 29 new churches in the home field and our 284 new churches and meeting places in the International missionary fields bring our total number of Foursquare churches and meeting places, worldwide, to 4,073.

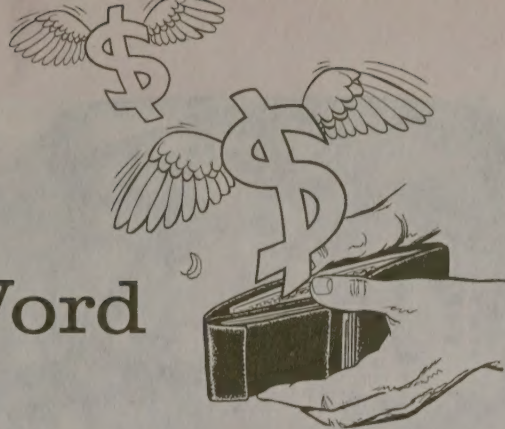
In one of my reports to the 1976 convention body, I referred to the financial structure and policy which has been in operation since its adoption by the 1953 convention body. It was recorded in the minutes of that 1953 convention that it was with the hope and prayer that the day would come when it would be possible to give a greater portion of the missionary dollar to the world-wide missionary program and that the home expense could be handled from home extension funds.

How grateful we are for the tremendous explosion in tithe income from the churches the last several years. We deeply appreciate the increased vision for what we believe is God's plan for financially undergirding His work through the Foursquare Organization. This tithe fund is now able to back up its own home expense and to supply the 25% formerly appropriated from the world missions funds for the

STEWARDSHIP:

By Charles Perry

DEBT" is a Four-Letter Word



Bondage comes in many forms these days, but none is more terrifying nor more devastating than being in DEBT.

Jesus has more to say about money and financial matters than about Heaven and Hell combined, so it is little wonder that "Debt" is a key tool of Satan. Many Christian lives (individually, collectively and corporately) are being ruined daily because of it. Individuals fall into Satan's snare when they are tempted to become a member of the "Debt Set". Indebtedness is reputed to be the underlying factor in over 80% of marriages that fail. "Debt" is a *four letter word*, but it started as a *ten letter word* in John and Carol's marriage in Southern California.

This *ten letter word* (as in so many marriages) was "Sweetheart". It soon changed to a *nine letter word*—"Wonderful", and all was still aglow in their marriage. And then they began to collect credit cards and a checking account that offered "peace of mind" or "convenience" checks that allowed them to overspend. Easy credit was made available to them in Department Stores, and names began to change around the house.

They missed their first danger signal when they elected to pay the minimum amount allowable. All of a sudden "Sweetheart" and "Wonderful" changed to a *six letter word* when John began shouting, "Stupid! (six letter word). Why did you give them the office number?" and Jane replied, "Well, dummy, (five letter word) you spent the money." From that moment on *four letter words* of the world such as "Fear" and "Hate" became a household item in their home, and all because of "DEBT".

But, like any sin, there is the promise of deliverance. Philippians 4:19 states, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus," and in John 10:10 Jesus states, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Bill and Claudia, another Southern California couple, share: "Bondage came ever so subtly. We elected to make the minimum payment and buy all those good, expensive items on sale with easy budget plans. Suddenly, the second warning came—the friendly reminder that we were behind in our payments. 'Overnight our home changed,' Claudia points out, 'and it was just like someone had turned the

lights down; darkness and depression were everywhere. I jumped when the phone rang and my heart raced when I heard the doorbell ring. Forceful demanding letters were now in every mail and we were constantly quarreling. That was just two short months ago.'" They further add: "Today the light of Jesus is in our home, we are free from the bondage of debt. We turned to the Stewardship and Estate Planning Department. Through praise, prayer, careful planning and thanksgiving, the only four letter word in our home is "Love".

"We had the credit cards but vowed to use them only in an emergency," reports Glenn and Patti of Northern California. "Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, special times to go out, vacations and other yearnings that exceeded our earnings soon resulted in our being 'hooked'. 'We owed everybody in town and it got so I didn't want to come home,' remarked Glenn. 'All I'd hear was nagging about not having any money and all the bills we had. Tension, anxiety, frustration moved in and soon my marriage was a mess and my job suffered.'"

"Today we hold our heads high and walk in His glory since we sat down with the man from the International Office. We have since come to realize what the passage in Romans 13:8 is all about—'Owe no man any thing, but to love one another.' It really works and in our evening prayers we just praise the Lord and give special thanks for what God has done and is doing to liberate us from 'Debt'. The four letter word 'Debt' was ruining our lives."

The Department of Stewardship and Estate Planning of the Foursquare Organization offers seminars and individual counselling on "Freedom from Debt". There is no charge for these seminars as they are offered as a service of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. For information write:

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Top: Original U.F.W. House, Santa Ana. Above: Bales for Bolivia. Entry room — "Alabaster House". Right: Hong Kong orphans receive Christmas gifts. (See story, pages 8 and 9.)



United Foursquare Women From Here to There and Beyond

In 1954, Mrs. Earl Dorrance, wife of the Southern California District Supervisor, and Mrs. Nathaniel Van Cleave, wife of the Southwest District Supervisor, saw the need among Foursquare women for uniting their hearts, minds and hands.

The United Foursquare Women was organized as a Bi-district service organization at the first "mass rally" held at Long Beach, California, in October, 1954. U.F.W. was introduced at the 1955 Annual International Foursquare Convention, at which time beautiful linen supplies were presented for the Missionary Furlough Fund.

Other Districts saw the possibilities and the need for such a lay-women's group. Requests were made for their areas and chapters were organized. U.F.W. consequently was organized nationally and across Canada, with Mrs. Elmer Card as first President. The Shepherd's Luncheon, honoring pastor's wives and ministers, was launched and has been an annual event since 1957.

United Foursquare Women have many purposes and objectives. First to honor Jesus Christ in every endeavor, and to inspire consecration and dedication winning of others to the Lord and His Kingdom, and to provide service outreach for the needs of the church and community. The vision is worldwide, including foreign and home missions and the local church. From the purposes and objectives, U.F.W. has not wavered.

This world-encompassing vision and the realization of U.F.W. necessitated in 1961 the purchase of a small frame house located in Santa Ana, to provide a reception room, storage and office space. Tons of clothing, baled and hundreds of items were taken off shelves and shipped to the missionaries.

When the old house no longer met city regulations and became completely inadequate to meet the growing needs of the field, Mrs. Elmer Card, President, had the vision of a larger building. A French Renaissance building with some 1,000 square feet of floor space. This building, the Alabaster House, was built in 1962 and contains the U.F.W. International office. It provides warehouse space to house thousands of items collected from chapters and churches across the United States and Canada. This head office building is now valued at over \$100,000. Through the Alabaster Box offerings from chapters and churches, the mortgage was retired in 1971.

Since 1971 the Alabaster offerings have been used for many worthwhile projects, as when \$12,835 was given to refurbish and redecorate the dining room of LIFE Bible College. The offering was shared by Mount Vernon College, and LIFE Bible College of California. Recently the adjacent property to the Alabaster House has been purchased and plans are being prepared to enlarge the Alabaster House to provide additional warehouse and office space.

accommodate the expanding program. Achievements of U.F.W. testify to God's al blessing upon the out-reach ministries. Thousands of dedicated Foursquare women in America and around the world. Since its inception in 1955, paid membership has grown from 1,000 to over 11,000, including Girl's Ministry. Membership on the foreign field is over 1,500.

Following projects tell only part of the story of U.F.W. Six perpetual Memorial Scholarships were created totaling \$10,000. Interest earned from this fund is used to provide \$250 scholarships for young people to attend Foursquare Bible Colleges (children of missionaries are given preference). From the Temple McPherson Memorial Scholarship Fund, \$50 scholarships are awarded to all students in foreign Foursquare Bible Colleges and students serving in a number of countries.

When a missionary is assigned to a field, he may take from the Alabaster House a large supply of household and small appliances, clothing, bedding, linens, tools and furnishings for the mission station. These are furnished by U.F.W. chapters and districts across America. Each member of all missionary families is remembered with a gift from U.F.W. Chapter on birthdays and Christmas. U.F.W. also supplied linens, towels, draperies and a washer and dryer for the departments of the Missionary Furlough in Los Angeles.

In 1976, U.F.W. members and chapters cared for orphans in Hong Kong and "Houses of Hospitality" in Quito, Ecuador in the amount of \$28,000. Students in the Bible School in Quito were sent close to \$4,000. Through the "Gifts for Darlings" program (special offering received on Children's Day) over \$6,000 was given in 1976 to Hong Kong and Quito chapters to purchase new equipment, house furnishings, and other items to improve the homes. Thousands of school uniforms have been given for orphans and school children.

Hundreds of choir robes and thousands of robes have been made and furnished to the churches in fields. Tracts were furnished for evangelizing ministries. Thousands of books were printed and shipped to Day Schools and Bible Schools. Musical instruments have been donated and are now in use on the fields.

U.F.W. Cassette Program furnishes cassette players, duplicators, players and tapes to all churches in fields when requested. They are used in churches, Bible Schools and laymen's evangelizing programs.

Red Chip and Green Trading Stamps are used by the chapters and churches and used by missionaries to purchase equipment, which

is not stocked at the Alabaster House, to be used in their varied arms of ministry. The costs incurred to ship tons of equipment and supplies each year to the mission fields are partly underwritten by the "Pink Angel" pledges and special shipping programs.

U.F.W. publishes the *United Foursquare Women TODAY* magazine and recently began publishing the U.F.W. *La Guia* magazine for Latin American countries.

The Home Missions ministry of U.F.W. has blessed thousands. Its assistance to the Foursquare Youth Camping Programs, which is conducted by our 10 Districts and which reaps immeasurable spiritual results, has been outstanding. Equipment, furnishings and many other costly items, as well as the cost of special building projects have been provided by the U.F.W. Such investments are evidenced in all District camps. The assistance is greatly appreciated.

U.F.W. Retreats are on the increase in various Districts with a total attendance in 1976 of 3,026.

The Shepherd's Care boxes given to new Bible College graduates assigned to their first church pastorate are such an encouragement and fill a definite need.

The local church's U.F.W. interest is evidenced in an endless list of beautiful things. Churches have been given organs, pianos, draperies, kitchens built and equipped, stained glass windows, carpeting, song books, Sunday School equipment, churches painted inside and out, just to name a few. Parsonages have been painted, decorated and furnished—all done as an expression of love and concern for the pastor and his family.

The U.F.W. is committed to many worthy and needed projects in 1977. They include financial assistance for the purchase of the following: library books to LIFE Bible College, which are needed to qualify for accreditation; a boat for the Philippine Islands' small boat ministry; Bible concordances for National Pastors in Latin America; and providing Foursquare Flags, 600 garments for children's orphanages, plus thousands of items of equipment and supplies to replenish the shelves and stock the Alabaster House, so as to cover the tremendous need of the missionaries.

U.F.W. represents thousands of dedicated women who literally believe and practice the words of Jesus who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The full story cannot be told in this limited space. The complete record of sacrificial giving and sharing is kept in the Books of Heaven. Each woman is proud to be a member of U.F.W. and its world ministry. They are truly CO-LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD.



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God Still Opens Prison Doors

FIELD REPORT:

In almost every country that God has led Foursquare missions, there has been an outstanding work in the prisons of that area. We reach out to the lost of all levels, and those imprisoned have not been neglected.

Were you to visit one of the prisons in Northern Chile you would find a special chapel there with a Foursquare sign on the door and Foursquare emblems and a flag on the inside. A solid Foursquare Church has been established in that prison. This is true of many other countries as well.

The following report of the prison ministry in Korea is typical of such an outreach:

Most of the 3,700 prisoners in the Taejon National Prison are sentenced for life imprisonment. The inmates for the most part are well-educated, bilingual, high-ranking, former Communists who have been imprisoned since the end of the Korean War. They are from a variety of oriental countries such as Indonesia, Japan, North Korea, and Singapore.

For the last two years, the Foursquare Headquarters Church in Taejon, Korea, under the direction of Pastor Seen Ok Ahn, has been reaching into this prison with outstanding results.

Many people and arms of service have been brought together to conduct this ministry. First of all, the physical needs of the prisoners have been noted and through God's help many improvements in the prison life have been made. Many Korean people feel a strong kinship to these prisoners as they were once imprisoned themselves during the Japanese Occupation and the Korean War.

Secondly, Mrs. Ahn felt the desperate need for these prisoners to learn. Through constant visiting, care and concern Mrs. Ahn has earned the love and respect of prisoners and prison officials alike. Because of the love of Christ this

prison has opened into a rich field of harvest for the Church.

In dealing with the prisoners, our Foursquare people have had to rely on the wisdom of God, Himself. Communism is like a habit. Inmates have dedicated their lives to this cause. The iron curtain of hateful attitudes, life styles, and forces of darkness cannot be broken, except by the power of God. But, "Praise God, He has changed their stoic, cruel wrinkles into smiling faces," shares Mrs. Ahn. "We are very careful to be sure that conversions are genuine and proven by changed hearts and attitudes," she further relates.

Sunday afternoon meetings are held in the prisoners' cells. From these meetings, which are conducted by members of the headquarter's church, sincere converts are chosen and given the opportunity of joining weekly Bible Study groups. Every Wednesday, lunch is served to members of the Bible study classes (sponsored by the Tae Sung school system). The United Foursquare Women of the church prepare and serve this weekly treat for the prisoners.

Prisoners attend these Bible study groups for two years, learning how to mature in the Christian life and how to deal with their life in the prison. After two years of training, the inmates may enter a new T.E.E. (Theological Education by Extension) program that has been introduced there by the missionary staff in Taejon. This will allow those who are interested to train for the ministry while there in the prison.

Already we have seen miraculous workings of God in the lives of the prisoners. Also, lighting has been improved in the study area of the prison, permission for the wearing of glasses has been given to several prisoners and free access to study books has been granted to our Foursquare Bible students. The greatest miracle of all is the many prisoners and guards, alike, who have come to know the true meaning of the Christian life.

It is exciting how God has literally opened the prison doors for some of our prison students. Men who had nothing to look forward to but prison walls for the rest of their lives have found the doors of the prison opening to them as they are discovering a freedom to work for God never dreamed possible. Just recently three students have been released from prison and have returned to their homes in Southeast Asia. They told Mrs. Ahn as they went that they have dedicated their lives to the spreading of God's Word.

God is preparing a people in the Orient for a large work and He is reaching into every area of life to call and train His people. Begin to pray now for this new ministry in Korea.

Foursquare missions care about ALL lost men. [4]

Above and below: Prison inmates involved in Weekly Bible Study (See story this page.)



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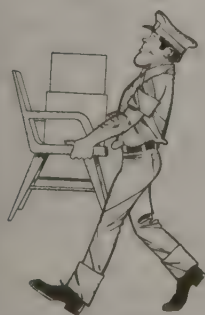
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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:

"A Festival of Praise", the 1977 International Foursquare Convention is this month! From the 26th to the 31st of May will be exciting days in Portland, Oregon.

The preparations that have been made and the events planned are all aimed at making this a time well spent. "A Festival of Praise" will be valuable!

Just the evening events alone would be valuable to any Christian leader:

Wednesday, the 25th - Dr. Allan Hamilton
Convention Chairman.

Thursday, the 26th - Rev. John Firth
Supervisor, Colombia, South America.

Friday, the 27th - Dr. Harold Helms
Pastor, Decatur, Illinois Foursquare Church.

Saturday, the 28th - Rev. Jack Hayford
Pastor, "The Church On The Way", Van Nuys, California Foursquare Church.

Sunday, the 29th - Mr. George Otis
Author and speaker.

Monday, the 30th - Dr. Howard Clark
District Supervisor, Eastern States and Eastern Canada.

Tuesday, the 31st - Dr. Roy Hicks, Sr.
District Supervisor, Northwest District.

Add to this list the morning seminars and workshops, the United Foursquare Women's and Council of Foursquare Men's luncheons, the recreational times and, of course, the great fellowship of God's family, and you will have a time to remember.

See you in a few weeks!

[4]



Right: Colombian conventioners unite in their praises to God. Below: Laywoman, Mrs. Paz, shares testimony of healing. (See stories this page.)



DATELINE: Asia

Philippines — The following testimony from Iloilo is received from Mrs. Paz, laywoman:

"One night in March, I awoke **so sick** I could hardly move. My daughter took me to the **hospital**. I chose to think that what I felt was just an ordinary disease. I was in a **semi-conscious** state when I arrived at the hospital.

"The next day it became difficult to breathe so my children called the **pastor** of the Foursquare Church. She came and spent most of the night there with me, **praying**. The third day the doctor informed my family that he couldn't do anything to **save my life**. I had **tests** and was **examined** by a neurologist. It was again concluded that I was in **critical condition** and nothing could be done.

"I was transferred to another hospital where more neurological tests were made and this time the diagnosis was **virus brain infection**. The doctor said that there was a slim chance I would live if I had an operation. I was immediately prepared for this **surgery**. My family felt real fear, but the pastor encouraged them to **trust in God**. The church people had a season of prayer.

"Four days after the operation I was still in a semi-conscious state when the pastor arrived. She asked if I recognized her. I tried hard, and then suddenly I knew her. '**Praise the Lord, Pastor,**' I exclaimed in a soft voice. I noticed my husband standing nearby and motioned him to come closer. He was sur-

prised that I could **move my arm** for I had been paralyzed. God had not only cleared my memory, but now I **could move**.

"I wanted to **sing**, although my voice was weak and harsh due to a tracheotomy, but I felt such joy. I raised my hands and began to sing, 'Come Holy Spirit.' Slowly, one by one, the choruses came back to me. Many asked about my singing and I could **tell them about Jesus**.

"When I was strong enough to be discharged from the hospital we faced another problem. Our **hospital bill** was 9,000 pesos. But God sent another blessing as the pastor was able to talk the Hospital Director into lowering this amount to 5,000 pesos. Medicare paid \$1,000 of this balance. **God is so good!**"

DATELINE: Latin America

Colombia—The **National Convention** of Colombia proved to be a blessed and beneficial time. The **classes** conducted by guest speaker, **Rev. Roy Hicks, Jr.** were very good and **well received**. In the evening services the church was completely filled with people standing in the aisles during the entire service.

Following the convention, a **week's campaign** was held by Missionaries Dean Truett and Mike Weilein. Each day during that week Rev. Weilein taught two **classes** on subjects dealing with **Personal Evangelism** and the **Holy Spirit**. The first day the classes were conducted for a four-hour period. By Friday he was teaching almost six

hours. The people were **so hungry** for teaching. In the Holy Spirit class **15** were **baptized in the Holy Spirit** during one class period.

Over **1,000** attended nightly and approximately **178** were **saved**.

Rev. Juanita Smith, co-pastor of the West Adams, Ca. Foursquare Church, and a team of four other women traveled to Bogota, Colombia to conduct services in a **special conference**. Rev. Smith shares the following report:

"For two weeks, **meetings** were conducted **daily**—morning, afternoon and evening. **People thronged** to the services: Protestants and Catholics; government officials and religious leaders; and the rich and poor. Some traveled hundreds of miles. Many were **severely oppressed** by evil spirits causing mental, physical, emotional and spiritual bondages. Others came to learn how to effectively minister to oppressed or possessed people.

"God performed **many miracles** and the following is just one of many testimonies: 'I want to praise God that He healed me. I had **constant pain** in my kidneys, stomach, legs and difficulty in seeing. My family wanted me to go to the doctor, but I came to the **Foursquare Church** because I heard that they were praying for the sick. I was **prayed for** and suddenly I began vomiting and these spirits came out of me. Immediately, **all the pain left my body**; my mind was clear and I could see to read. **God had delivered and healed me**. How I **thank God** for this and the difference in my life now.'

"Last month we were glad to perform a **double wedding**," writes Missionary John Davies. "Both couples had been living together for some years and have children. However, since **receiving Christ** some months ago, they de-



tives had **cut off one joint of a finger**. How his heart ached! He longed for this people to know the Christ that brings eternal life. He did not want them to mourn "as others which have no hope".

It had been three days since the woman had died, but he **began to pray**. A noise was heard and the women began to scream. The **dead woman had come back to life**. She then excitedly told about her **visit to Heaven**.

Recently, **eight young people in Melbourne, Australia** heard this story and determined to visit this place and check on the **validity** of the story. When they arrived in New Guinea they were taken to **visit this woman**. She is now old, but continues to be a **mighty witness** of the saving and resurrecting power of Jesus. Five of the eight members of this visiting team were not Christians. They have all now seen a **living testimony** which cannot help but draw them to Christ. [4]

Missionaries to the Philippines, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones shown with daughter Misty and Wendy.



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cided to have a church marriage and accept their marriage responsibilities. It is exciting to see **God working** in these converts."

After the ceremony Missionary and Mrs. Davies made a trip to meet the **relatives**. They were able to **talk to them about the Lord** and they accepted Him as Savior. In the near future a **Baptismal Service** will be conducted for them. They are praising God.

Guatemala—This is the testimony of **Carlos Velasquez**, a university student now attending the Foursquare Bible Institute at night. Every weekend he **travels six hours** each way to **preach** in the town of San Lorenzo.

He was a young man crushed under the **guilt** of living a **double life**—attending and participating in church services, yet living a life full of **sin and vice**. One day he said to the Lord, "Lord, I know that the church where I attend is not doing anything for me. Indicate to me the **church where I should go**. I'm going to get on the bus, and when I feel that you want me to get off and enter a church I will."

So Carlos **boarded a bus**. Suddenly the bus broke down and he **got off**. As he started walking he **heard singing** and looked up to see a **church**. He crossed the street and started to enter, but as he neared the door he heard them clapping their hands. He thought, "I can't go into that church, they clap their hands and I know that is a bad kind of church." But before he realized it, he was **sitting in the church**. A young man was **preaching** and as he came to the end of his message he made a **call for sinners** to come to the altar. Carlos did not move. A **sweat broke out** all over his body and he began to **tremble**. The preacher said, "You, young man, who is trembling under the convicting power of the Spirit, **come to Christ**."

Carlos **responded** and gave his **life to Christ** that night. The next day when he attended the Sunday service, the missionary invited him to attend the **Bible Institute** which was opening that week. Carlos states that he is so happy **studying God's Word** and telling others of His love.

Argentina—The **National Convention** of Argentina was held in February on a campground near Buenos Aires. The **results were tremendous** and national leaders were edified and strengthened. **Rev. Roberto Prieto** was re-elected to the National Board of the Foursquare Church as President.

Brazil—Missionary Gary Royer writes: "We just finished our **National Youth Congress** in the South of Brazil with more than **300 registered** from most areas of the country. Some **traveled over 40 hours** to attend. The Lord blessed with a real move of His **love** and a **spirit of unity** evidenced."

DATELINE: The Pacific

New Guinea—Twelve years ago God performed a **great miracle** in **Dunatina Valley**.

A Christian woman **died**. Her husband and pastor were not present so the woman **could not be buried** until they returned. **Three days** passed before the pastor could make his way back to the valley. When he arrived he noticed that the people were participating in their old **pagan practices**, used to **mourn the dead**. The women had **shaved their heads** and covered their **bodies with mud**. The rela-

OPEN YOUR BIBLE:

By Dr. Clarence E. Fast

Is Faith a Farce or Force?



"I don't like that," replied our daughter at the breakfast table. Her remark was in answer to a question of mine about the above subject. Then she added: "I don't know what 'farce' means and I don't like to be 'forced'."

What is "faith", really? It seems to have come to indicate either a human idealism or a religious gimmick for obtaining what I want or need. Let's ask several questions on the basis of John 14:1-12.

I. What Did Jesus Mean?

It was late Thursday evening. The episode of the Upper Room had just taken place. Stealthily crossing the cobble stones of Jerusalem, Jesus and 11 disciples were enroute to the Garden of Gethsemane. With confusion, the eleven had been discussing past events and what Jesus meant by His several remarks about leaving, death, etc. (John 13).

In chapter 14:1, Jesus makes two statements about "believing" in God and in Him. However, there are three possible interpretations, depending on the use of the indicative and/or the imperative. The secret lies in the Greek text.

1. Did the disciples believe in God and also in Jesus? Or,

2. Were they exhorted to believe in God and in Jesus? Or,

3. Did they believe in God and exhorted to also believe in Jesus?

Liberals tend to take the first position. Sounds beautiful, too. But, what did Jesus mean? Upon careful study we find that Jesus had heard of their complaining and told them there was no need to be troubled. Yes, (to paraphrase it), "I know you do believe in God the Father; and you ought to believe in Me, but you don't." Well, that's startling! The proof is in verses 10-12.

Let's make a personal application with three questions: Is faith what I pretend, profess or merely claim? Then it's a farce. Or, is faith a real, vital possession and exercise in my life? Then it's a strong, motivating force. Is faith what I need to exercise more to meet the needs in my life?

II. What Is Meant By Faith?

In society we repeatedly hear that it matters not what you believe, just so you have faith. However, it's not what we believe but rather whom we believe.

Further: many religious people claim we all have faith or, let's just "take it" by faith. Is faith then a matter of mental attitudes? Positive thinking? A claim brought to fulfillment? Never.

Faith is a "gift" of God (Eph. 2:8) and comes by means of the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). We are here speaking not of that mental quality of a child that inherently believes, but we are referring to the spiritual revelation of God to a heart that will bend and obey the will of God.

Let's apply this with a simple formula of five essential F's. If man gets this straight it will bring many benefits.

1. The first F: get the facts straight. So, what does the Bible really teach about salvation, healing, tongues, gifts, etc.

2. Faith sets in when man decides to believe because he has the facts straight on any given subject according to the Word of God.

3. Feeling follows. Here is a great problem: people depending on the emotional element and thinking he has faith. So, if a healing is based on feeling without ascertaining the facts of Scripture and receiving faith, he will stumble.

4. Fruit is used here to indicate that a life style changes. When man knows of a certainty the above three, it affects itself in his manner of life. Then:

5. Force is that energizing power within, motivated by a growing conviction which comes when man has experienced the above four.

III. How Do We Apply Faith?

In every case we go to the Scripture. The Bible is God's Written Word. For salvation as an example, we turn to Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 10:13; 3:28; John 5:24.

We are justified by faith and exhorted to live by faith (Rom. 1:17).

The English Bishop, Jeremy Taylor said:

"Faith is the root of all blessings; believe and you shall be saved; believe and your needs will be satisfied; believe and you cannot but be comforted and happy." [4]

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The world isn't very hospitable to its kings anymore. About four years before Egypt's Pharaoh Farouk lost throne and crown a reporter asked him, "How many kings will there be in the world 25 years from now?" Farouk answered, "Five—the king of England, and the kings of hearts, diamonds, clubs, and spades."

It hasn't turned out quite that badly for monarchs. Indeed, the Republic of Spain not long ago became a kingdom again. But world woes seem destined to abound until there comes a King in Israel.

This month of May offers opportunity for a change of government in Israel as the Jewish State holds a national election. But while a change in the governing party could transpire, what the country needs is a change in its form of government. Israel is now a republic and has a Prime Minister. Peace on earth and the solution of international and human problems cannot arrive until Israel becomes a monarchy and has a King. It matters only relatively whether Rabin's Labour Party or Begin's Likud win the premiership for its leader. All is not "Shalom" in Israel because Jesus Christ has not yet occupied the throne of David. But He will.

Each year on Israel's Independence Day a crown is added to the collection gracing the alleged Tomb of David near the Upper Room on what is now called Mount Zion (the south-western hill; the Biblical Zion was the south-eastern hill, called Ophel) in Jerusalem. This month Israel commemorates her 29th birthday, so crown number 29 will be added. But there is no sovereign to wear the diadems. But there will be.

Ezekiel of old foresaw the interval when no royalty would rule Israel. He overheard God's instruction, "*Remove the diadem, and take off the crown; this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high*" (an allusion no doubt of the opportunity afforded for political power without reference to social position or ancestral pedigree). "*I will overturn, overturn, overturn it, and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is, and I will give it him*" (Ezek. 21:26-27).

A spectacular, night sight greets visitors approaching Teheran, Iran from a certain direction. The lights of the city stretch for miles, but high in the air suspended hangs a dazzling illuminated crown. And prophecy suspends a crown over Jerusalem, unseen as yet but as real as if it were visible—indeed, more real, for the things which are seen are temporal and the things which are not seen are eternal (cf. II Cor. 4:18). The King of Kings is coming! When the government rests upon His shoulders, He will settle the quarrels and solve the problems that baffle and frustrate humanity. [4]



BOOK BRIEFS:

The Measure Of A Family, by Gene A. Getz, Regal, \$1.95.

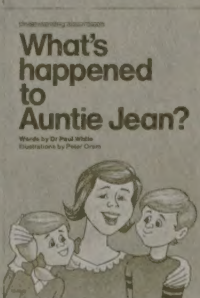
In the third in a series of Getz's "Measure of..." books he says, "The family is an ever-changing cluster of human personalities that are constantly affecting each other." How can a family stay together in the face of strong, pressuring winds? What anchor can a family cling to? What about the sticky issues of the submission of the wife, leadership of the husband, divorce and remarriage, and disciplining children? While not trying to pose as one with all the answers, the author does give solid discussion of what he feels is a Biblical approach to these very relevant questions.

The Best Half of Life, by Ray and Anne Ort-lund, Regal, \$2.95.

The best half of life—what is it? The authors say it is the middle years—35 to 50 and beyond—when centered in Christ. Highly inspirational and motivational in tone, the Ort-lunds, who began this book on their fiftieth birthdays, discuss the source of real vitality for everyone—enthusiasm. They make a major emphasis of use of time, making the most of now, setting goals to be more effective and anticipating the future, not letting it sneak up on you. Gives specific help regarding problems and challenges of the middle years.

What's Happened to Auntie Jean? by Dr. Paul White; Regal, \$2.75.

Death and events surrounding it are often confusing and frightening. This book helps children feel that for the person who loves Jesus, death means being forever with Him. Excellent for family read-together, talk-about times. [4]





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